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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 16, and 18 as follows:

8. (Amended) An apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein said rupturable closure member has a third portion encircling said second portion and further including a connection between said third portion and said container.

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